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The Honorable Joe Biden President The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As the regime in Iran cracks down on peaceful protestors, kills its own citizens and sentences protestors to death, those in Washington must be united around one fact: Iran is a pariah state working to destabilize the region and destroy Israel, and its actions merit severe punishment and condemnation from the global community.

We have long known that the Iranian regime does not act or negotiate in good faith on any issue, especially a nuclear agreement. I understand that the U.S. envoy to Iran has admitted the administration will not "waste time" on reviving nuclear deal negotiations with Tehran. While I welcome that change in policy, it alone is not enough. I urge you to immediately announce that the negotiations will not move forward at any time during your administration.

We must acknowledge the evil and murderous Iranian regime wants to produce nuclear weapons. The United States must protect ourselves, and all our allies and partners, including Israel, by working to ensure that threat never actualizes.

The bravery we are seeing in the words and actions of the Iranian people, especially the incredible women who are standing for freedom and making their voices heard, is an inspiration to freedom-loving people across the world. We must stand with them in word and deed.

Sincerely,

Rick Scott United States Senator